

1 TRANSCRIPTION OF RECORDED INTERVIEW

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1 back up and starts walking down the
2 shoulder. And that's when I just start, you
3 know, following him. Then my partner,
4 (inaudible) driver and he started driving
5 the truck to follow. And, you know, all the
6 way from basically from like the beginning
7 where -- uh -- Lakewood is all the way to
8 over here -- um -- I'm trying to -- I'm
9 trying to like stop him from going onto the,
10 you know, back onto the freeway. Because I
11 had a feeling that's what he was trying to
12 do. Because -- uh -- the first guy that hit
13 him, he said he jumped in front of his --
14 his car. So, I'm like, okay, this guy's
15 trying to hurt himself. And I'm following
16 him along the -- the shoulder. I'm on his
17 left side. And if he had tried, you know,
18 to go onto the freeway, I'd just block him.
19 And I think the -- the second car that --
20 that he had hit was I think the -- nothing
21 had hit. I think he -- he -- he went back
22 onto the freeway and tried going -- put his
23 head underneath one of -- another big rig's
24 tires. But that big rig stopped before, you
25 know, it could roll over his head. And he

1 And then --

2 **Justin:** Yeah.

3 **Acosta:** -- he rolled out into my lane. That was
4 when I slammed on my brakes to avoid hitting
5 him. I parked the car. And just went to go
6 check on him.

7 **Justin:** And how fast were you going next to that big
8 rig before the -- the big rig slammed on his
9 brakes?

10 **Acosta:** Maybe like 55.

11 **Justin:** Fifty-five?

12 **Acosta:** Yeah.

13 **Justin:** And you guys and the big rig are keeping up
14 with each other and then -- until the big
15 rig had to slam on its brakes.

16 **Acosta:** Yeah. Yeah.

17 **Justin:** Okay.

18 **Acosta:** I mean, if I was, you know, neck and neck
19 with him, I definitely would have hit him
20 right after.

21 **Justin:** Okay. Okay. So, you guys were travelling
22 about 55 miles an hour. Big rig, obviously,
23 you kind of witness it happen. You're able
24 to stop in time because you saw the
25 (inaudible) lane.

1 **Acosta:** (Overlapping).

2 **Justin:** Okay. Um -- how long was the gentleman down

3 for after he got hit?

4 **Acosta:** Maybe like two to three minutes.

5 **Justin:** So, he was down for a while.

6 **Acosta:** Yeah.

7 **Justin:** Okay.

8 **Acosta:** Because he did have a moment where he looked

9 backed up, looked around, and then just put

10 his head back down.

11 **Justin:** Okay. And you said he started walking and

12 then that's when he laid down in front of a

13 second big rig?

14 **Acosta:** Yeah.

15 **Justin:** Okay.

16 **Acosta:** It was under anoth -- another -- under

17 another -- one of the overpasses --

18 **Justin:** Okay.

19 **Acosta:** -- where he put his head under a big -- big

20 rig.

21 **Justin:** Okay. And that big rig, what tire did he

22 try and lay under? Was it the actual front

23 right tire?

24 **Acosta:** Uh -- in front of -- uh -- the one -- the --

25 the pair that are behind it.

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